

Application No.: 10/554,401
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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A PC card having a connection plug connectable to an information processing apparatus, and a card connector through which an additional card can be connected, wherein multiple capabilities are added to said information processing apparatus by connecting said PC card to said information processing apparatus, said PC card comprising:

a communication control unit ~~configured to control~~ controls communication between said information processing apparatus and a function control unit of said PC card, and communication between said information processing apparatus and a function control unit of said additional card; and

an address control unit ~~configured to control~~ controls address operations, when said information processing apparatus refers to said PC card, in order that a card information structure and card configuration information of said additional card are located from ~~the~~ an initial address of an attribute area of said PC card, and thereafter a card information structure and card configuration information of said PC card are located.

2. (Currently Amended) The PC card as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a driving system setting unit ~~configured to set~~ that initializes the attribute area, sets a card configuration option register in the card configuration information and sets the a driving system of the function control unit of said PC card.

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3. (Original) The PC card as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an interrupt request control unit that, when an interrupt request is received from the function control unit of said PC card, saves information about said interrupt request, and when an interrupt request is received from said additional card, transferring said interrupt request to said information processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The PC card as claimed in claim 1 wherein the function control unit of said PC card is provided with a wireless LAN communication capability, and wherein the function control unit of said additional card is provided with a PHS portable telephone communication capability.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a PC card having a connection plug connectable to an information processing apparatus, and a card connector through which an additional card can be connected, wherein multiple capabilities are added to said information processing apparatus by connecting said PC card to said information processing apparatus, said method comprising:

a step of controlling communication between said information processing apparatus and a function control unit of said PC card, and communication between said information processing apparatus and a function control unit of said additional card; and

a step of controlling address operations, when said information processing apparatus refers to said PC card, in order that a card information structure and card configuration information of said additional card are located from the an initial address of an attribute area of said PC card, and thereafter a card information structure and card configuration information of said PC card are located.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of controlling a PC card as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a step of initializing the attribute area, setting a card configuration option register in the card configuration information and setting the a driving system of the function control unit of said PC card.

7. (Original) The method of controlling a PC card as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a step of, when an interrupt request is received from the function control unit of said PC card, saving information about said interrupt request, and when an interrupt request is received from said additional card, transferring said interrupt request to said information processing apparatus.